



# INTEX/ICARTT Hydrogen Peroxide Methylhydroperoxide

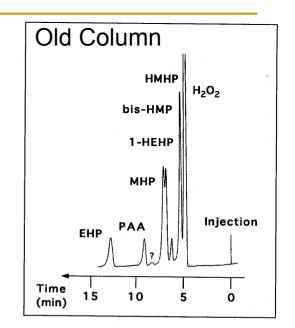
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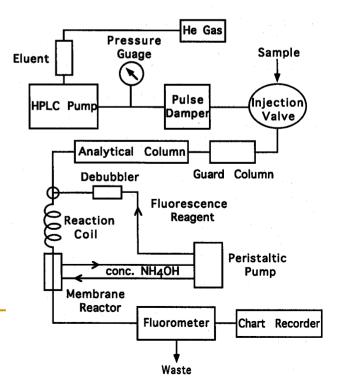




### Peroxide Analytical System

- →Peroxides separated on a C-18 column
- →Undergo post column derivatization w/ 4-hydroxyphenyl acetic acid
- Form a fluorescent dimmer.
- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>OOH are separated in about 1 minute
- Sampling frequency = 75 sec.
- DL for  $H_2O_2$  is <10 pptv.
- DL for CH<sub>3</sub>OOH is <25 pptv.</p>



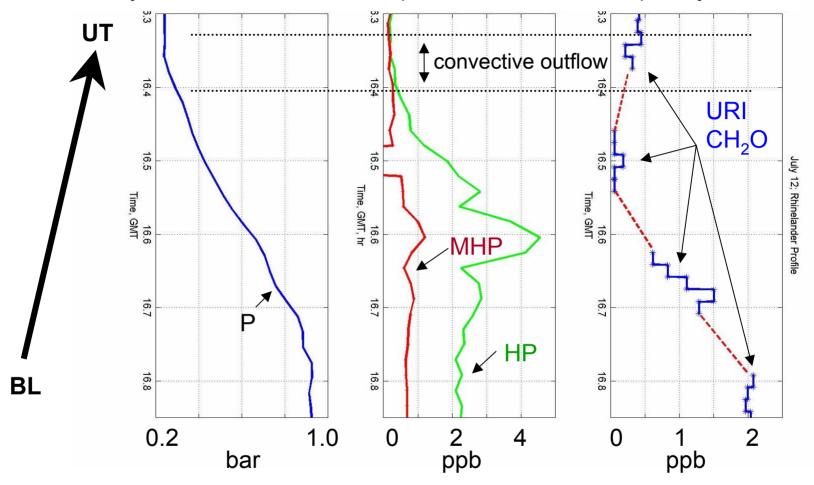


## Preliminary Results: Hydrogen Peroxide (HP) and Methylhydroperoxide (MHP)

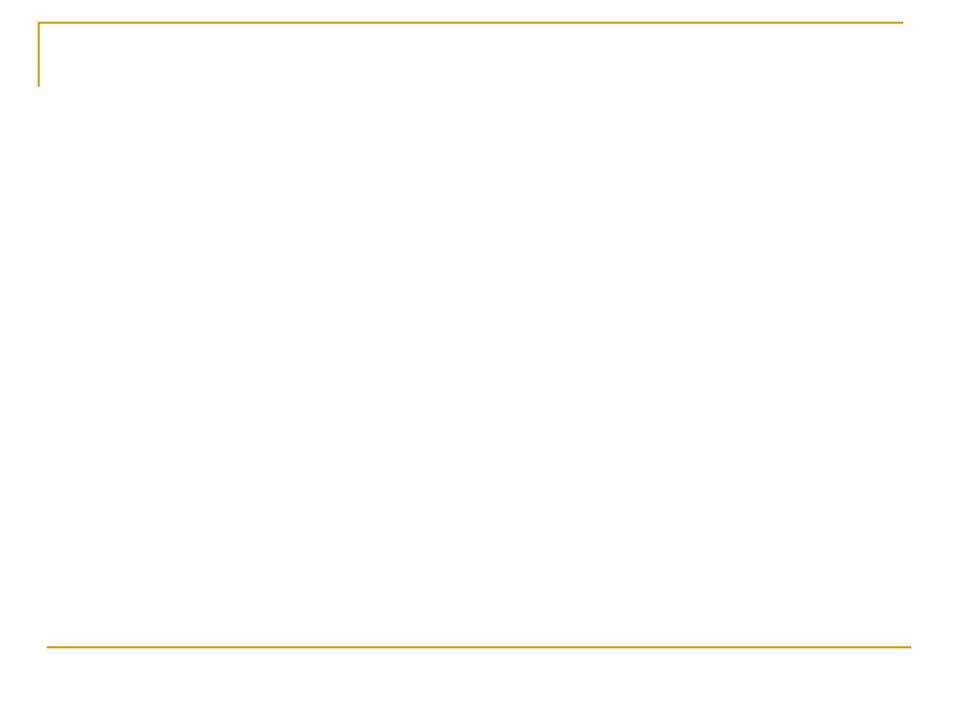
- Cleaner and clearer marine Concentrations (Eastern North Pacific):
  - HP and MHP at 1 and 2 ppbv in MBL
  - □ HP/MHP Ratio ~ 1
- Continental BL
  - $\square$  HP ~ 1.5 to 3 ppbv, MHP ~ 1-1.5 ppb for MHP;
  - HP/MHP Ratio ~ 2 to 4
- Lower-troposphere above BL
  - □ Higher HP→ in excess of 4 ppb
  - Maxima above 7 ppb (Flt 7) and 8 ppb (Flt 9).
- Fire Plumes (Flt 9)
  - □ HP >3 and MHP >2 ppb.
- In many samples a "3rd" peroxide peak is present.

Tests underway to evaluate it as peracetic acid: aka PAA

DC-8 Preliminary Data; Rhinelander WI Spiral – Point "B" on Map, July 12, 2004



Upper troposphere (UT) shows evidence of convective outflow (convect); elevated  $CH_2O$  and elevated  $CH_3OOH$  relative to  $H_2O_2$ .



### Preliminary Data; DC-8 Flight 3, Eastern North Pacific; July 1, 2004

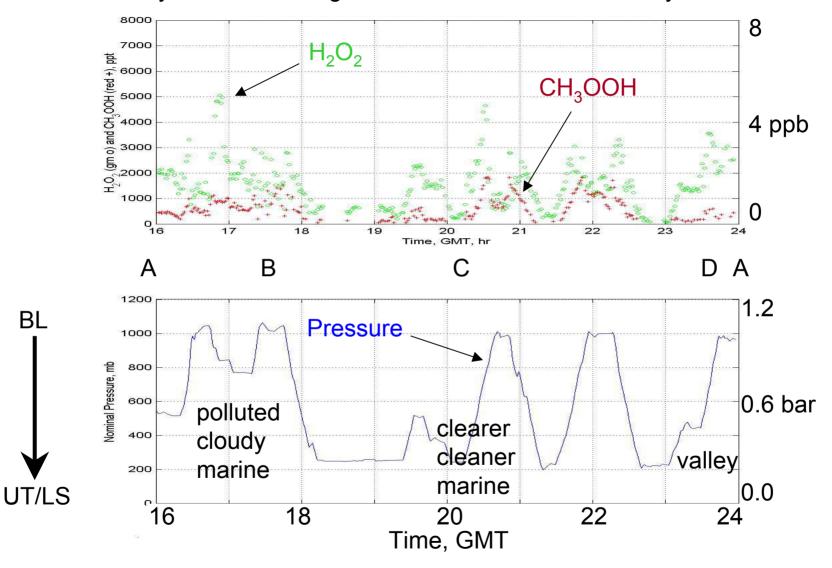
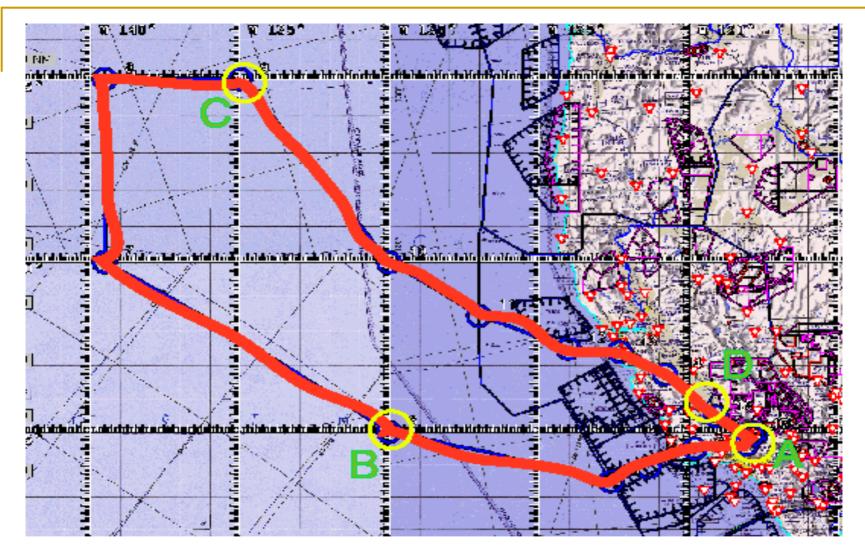


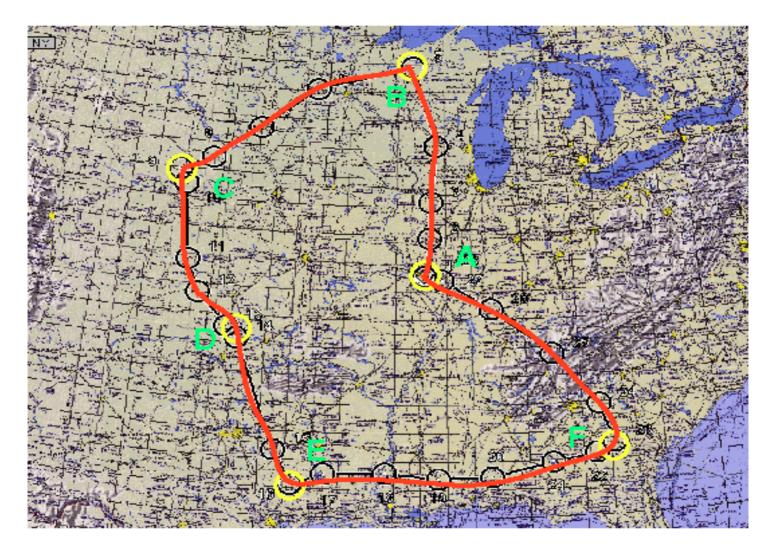
Figure 1a



DC-8 Flight 3; Eastern North Pacific; July 1, 2004 Letters refer to locations on fig. 1a

### Preliminary Data; DC-8 Flight 7, Circumnavigation Eastern US; July 12, 2004 8000 8 URI CH<sub>2</sub>O 6000 6000 CH CH 0004 4000 4 ppb 2000 19 20 Time, GMT 16 17 18 20 21 22 8 HP **MHP** 4 ppb 19 Time 16 17 18 21 22 23 Α В D Ε F Α 1000 STL MN KS/OK WI BLSTL GA 800 Pressure, mb 600 Ζ MS 400 тх UT/LS TN 200 17 21 19 23 15 Time, GMT

Figure 2a



DC-8 Ground Track (Flight 07); July 12, 2004 Letters correspond with those shown on fig. 2a.

### Preliminary Results Hydrogen Peroxide (HP) and Methylhydroperoxide (MHP), cont.

Initial VERY FRIENDLY comparison of peroxides measured by HPLC (URI-USNA Group) and CIMS (Wennberg & CalTech Group) shows:

- Very good agreement (within stated accuracy and precision) in trends and values for HP. (see Figure 4)
- 2. HPLC "3rd" peak trends correspond with trends in a CIMS m/z ion consistent with that expected for PAA.
- HPLC and CIMS groups continue to work on HP and MHP comparison and the confirmation and calibration of PAA and HMHP.

DC-8 Preliminary Data; H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Comparison; Flight 7; July 12, 2004

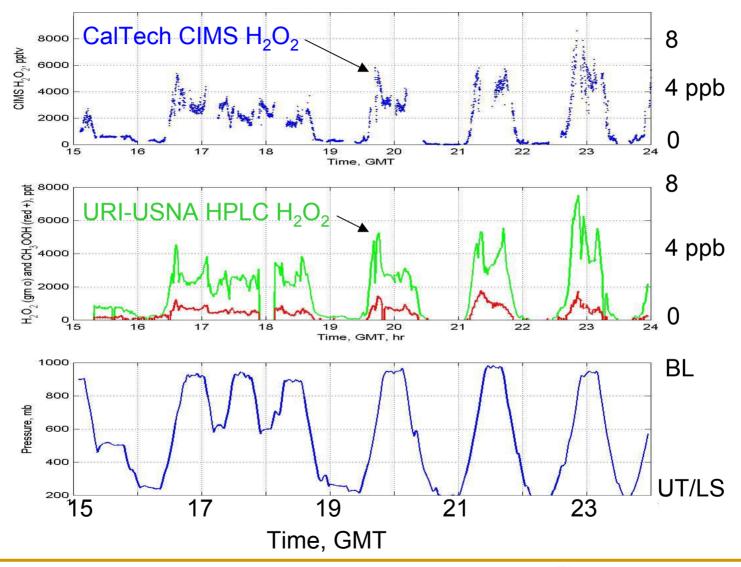


Figure 4

## Preliminary Results Hydrogen Peroxide (HP) and Methylhydroperoxide (MHP), cont.

- New columns run "faster" allowing 30 s samples at 75 sec intervals
- Upside better temporal resolution
- Downside loss of peroxide species resolution, e.g., HP from hydroxymethylhydroperoxide, aka, HMHP
- Tests with "slow" column on flight 10 suggested HMHP was NOT present at significant levels over forested areas; areas where it has been suggested HMHP is present at levels comparable to HP
- Column tests will continue on a flight-by-flight basis